

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES

Housing Supply

HN Policy 1: Support targeted community redevelopment as part of a comprehensive approach to promote healthy neighborhoods and housing quality.

HN Policy 2: Targeted efforts to improve the city's housing distribution in the City's strategic investment areas and adjacent neighborhoods.

HN Policy 3: Focus housing supply strategies on the emerging markets identified in the City's housing market studies.

HN Policy 4: Support zoning requirements and other strategies that allow for increased housing mix and density in appropriate locations.

HN Policy 5: Encourage mixed use projects as a means of increasing the housing supply while promoting diversity and the revitalization of neighborhoods and districts.

HN Policy 6: Promote infill housing and ensure that the design and quality of infill housing enhances the value of surrounding structures and the neighborhood.

HN Policy 7: Encourage the development of higher value housing. Focus higher value housing strategies within the City's strategic investment areas and on waterfront and water-view sites that are appropriate for single and multi-family residential uses.

Housing Quality

HN Policy 8: Support housing and neighborhood marketing initiatives to create positive impressions of Hampton's neighborhoods for current and future residents and investors.

HN Policy 9: Continue to enforce the International Property Maintenance Code and applicable City codes to promote healthy neighborhoods and housing conservation.

HN Policy 10: Continue to support programs that address deteriorating, substandard, and unsafe residential structures and properties.

HN Policy 11: Expand the use of historic and other housing preservation techniques as a strategy to promote healthy neighborhoods and higher quality housing.

HN Policy 12: Continue to support home owner rehabilitation grant and loan programs to promote healthy neighborhoods and high quality housing.

Neighborhoods

HN Policy 13: Continue to support public education and marketing programs to promote the involvement of residents and organizations in the preservation and revitalization of neighborhoods.

HN Policy 14: Continue to support the role of residents, neighborhood organizations, business groups, and other organizations in the process of preparing neighborhood, district, and corridor plans.

HN Policy 15: Continue to provide high quality community services and facilities in Hampton's neighborhoods.

HN Policy 16: Encourage community involvement in the maintenance and enhancement of public and private properties and adjacent rights-of-way in residential neighborhoods.

HN Policy 17: Develop partnerships to improve the perception of safety in places where youth and other members of the community gather and socialize.

HN Policy 18: Promote the construction of resilient housing and neighborhoods, and focus on the unique needs of each community.

Housing Affordability

HN Policy 19: Continue to support the housing services and housing assistance programs of the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) and other agencies to improve the supply and condition of housing for residents in the very low income bracket.

HN Policy 20: Work in cooperation with local governments and regional agencies to promote a regional fair share approach to providing affordable housing at a variety of income levels.

HN Policy 21: Support housing programs at the local and regional level that encourage mixed income neighborhoods and discourage the isolation of very low and low income households.

Fair Housing

HN Policy 22: Implement policies and strategies to incrementally reduce the number of publically assisted housing units in the city so that Hampton does not exceed its regional fair share distribution of publically assisted housing units in the city.

HN Policy 23: Implement policies and strategies to promote the dispersion of publically assisted housing units within the city.

HN Policy 24: Continue to support programs and agencies that seek to eliminate housing discrimination.

Special Housing Needs

HN Policy 25: Support housing opportunities for individuals and groups with special needs including seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities.

HN Policy 26: Support housing that incorporates facilities and services to meet the health care, transit, or social service needs of households with special needs, including seniors and persons with disabilities.

HN Policy 27: Support the provision of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and related services to address homelessness at both the local and regional levels.

Note: HN Policy 21 and HN Policy 22 adopted by City Council Sept. 11, 2013 (CPA 020-2013)